Partnership (PPP) mode in Educationally Backward Blocks in Tamil Nadu to prevent the drop in secondary stage enrolment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Government has decided to set up 6,000 Model Schools at the Block level, at the rate of one school per block, as benchmarks of excellence. The first phase of the programme to establish 2,500 schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) through State Government was launched in November, 2008.

(b) Under the scheme, each block in Tamil Nadu can have a Model School. The actual number to be established during the Eleventh Plan depends on the viable proposals from State Government of Tamil Nadu. There is a Plan allocation of Rs. 12750 crore for the scheme to be implemented throughout the country.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Education problems in Assam

3439. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there are a number of Lower Primary, Middle and High Schools in Assam which are recognized by the State Government and the buildings of which are in deplorable conditions, where the teaching and other staff are doing their job with a meagre amount;

(b) whether Government has received any such proposal from the State Government of Assam to provide proper infrastructure and assistance to such Government recognized schools;

(c) whether Government would take initiative to solve such age old problem of education in the State or conduct an enquiry about such problem; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Framework for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme, schools sanctioned under SSA alone are provided assistance for civil infrastructure, etc. Government aided schools are not entitled to any civil infrastructure support under SSA programme. However, SSA provides financial support for in service training of teachers to ensure that quality education is transacted in schools.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Employment opportunities

†3440. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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